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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
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IPF:(1987-91) $37 326 000
(NER/90/015) - Multisectoral Assistance to the Niger Government

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	23 October 1991
Expected duration:	Two years
Proposed executing agency:	UNV
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Planning
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$1 259 200 Source of funds: IPF

Project background

UNV assistance has been provided under the projects (NER/84/03) Service des VNUs and (NER/87/016) Service des VNUs (Phase II) in several sectors where no sufficient qualified nationals were available, in a country that lacks particularly middle-level technicians.

Since 1981 UNDP has provided a substantial number of UNVs for technical assistance in priority sectors of the economy, especially in the agriculture/forestry sector and in specialized training institutes. The Technical Co-operation Policy Framework Paper (TCPFP) elaborated through the NaTCAP exercise, notes that several sectors lack qualified and experienced nationals. The Government wishes to obtain the services, to as great an extent as possible, for technical assistance from Volunteers, ONGs, national available expertise and South South co-operation. The TCPFP document indicates the necessity to privilege specialized training and the transfer of knowledge. Three items of criteria have been set as a reference for TA: (i) institutional strengthening in the priority sectors; (ii) development of human resources; and (iii) areas where no national expertise is available.

The posts selected for UNV technical assistance conform to these criteria. The proposed project also takes fully into account the recommendations of the evaluation of project (NER/87/016) which took place in May 1990, i.e.: (i) concentrate the assistance on the priority sectors as defined by the Government; and (ii) ensure that a mechanism is in place allowing for take over by national staff.

The proposed UNDP assistance is in conformity with the orientation of the Fifth CP (Consultative Note approved June 1991) and therein the proposed themes for strengthening and developing institutional capacities, and developing human resources.

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) strengthen the technical capacity of the relevant institute/organization as per sector; (b) train UNV counterparts assigned

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to each subproject; and (c) recruit UNVs under the condition that a counterpart will be designed and available. Project activities will include the provision of technical assistance from UNVs specialized in the fields of geophysics, sociology, hydrology, civil engineering, orthopedics, anesthetics, surgical dentistry, cooling equipment for vaccination in rural areas, computer engineering, computer programming, economics/statistics, soil protection, topography, irrigation engineering, soil mechanics, crop protection, rodent eradication, animal health, zoo statistics, livestock food products, public works mechanics, and agro-economics.

Inputs

UNDP will provide 28 volunteers in the sectors pertaining to water and hydraulic works in rural zones, health, computerisation, economic promotion, agriculture/rural engineering/crop protection, training center for public works, and West African documentation and information system (WADIS) each for the duration of two years (636 man-months); mission and travel costs; technical documents, small equipment (consumable), maintenance; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	1 209 000
Equipment	44 200
Miscellaneous	6 000
Total	1 259 200

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